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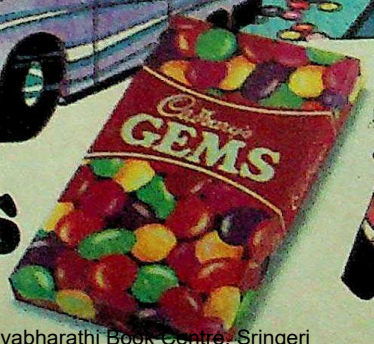

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AFTER CONSECRATING THE GRANDSIRE BHEESHMA'S BODY TO THE FIRE WITH DUE CEREMONY, DHRITARASHTRA AND YUDHISHTHIRA PROCEEDED TO THE BANKS OF THE HOLY GANGA. WHILE OFFERING OBLATIONS, YUDHISHTHIRA WAS ONCE AGAIN FILLED WITH REMORSE.

"SHATTERED BY GRIEF AND HIS EYES MOIST, HE STAGGERED OUT OF THE WATER WHILE BHEEMA STEADIED HIM.

"SEEING HIM SO DESPONDENT, THE OTHER PANDAVA BROTHERS TOO FELT HELPLESS AND FORLORN. ADDRESSING YUDHISHTHIRA, DHRITARASHTRA SAID —

COME, O KING, ARISE AND PREPARE FOR THE TASKS AHEAD. YOU HAVE WON THIS KINGDOM BY RIGHTFUL MEANS. ENJOY AND RULE OVER IT WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND WELL-WISHERS.

LOOK AT GANDHARI AND ME. WE HAVE LOST ALL OUR HUNDRED SONS. SURELY WE HAVE REASON TO BE SAD. I SEE NO CAUSE FOR YOUR GRIEF.

"WHEN YUDHISHTHIRA DID NOT REPLY, KRISHNA SAID —

YOU HAVE LEARNT SO MUCH FROM BHEESHMA AND OTHER WISE MEN. ACCORDING TO THEIR COUNSEL, YOU MUST NOW PREPARE YOURSELF TO RULE YOUR KINGDOM.

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"YUDHISHTHIRA SAID —

IT IS I WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF BHEESHMA, DRONA AND KARNA. DO TELL ME HOW I MAY ABSOLVE MYSELF OF THIS SIN, O KRISHNA!

"SAGE VYASA THEN INTERVENED —

YOUR MIND IS STILL NOT AT REST, DESPITE THE LONG HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS YOU HAVE HAD. IS ALL OUR ADVICE IN VAIN? WHY DO YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN SINK INTO GLOOM?

HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE STILL GNAWED BY FEELINGS OF GUILT ABOUT THE WAR, I WILL SUGGEST A WAY TO PURIFY YOURSELF. PERFORM YAJNAS LIKE THE RAJASOOYA AND THE ASHWAMEDHA.

"YUDHISHTHIRA SAID —

NO DOUBT, THE ASHWAMEDHA YAJNA WILL SERVE TO PURIFY THIS ENTIRE EARTH. BUT I HAVE NO RESOURCES LEFT AT ALL. HOW CAN I UNDERTAKE THE YAJNA NOW?

"SAGE VYASA PONDERED FOR A WHILE AND SAID —

THERE IS A WAY OUT. FAR AWAY UNDER THE SLOPES OF THE HIMALAYAS LIES BURIED THE IMMENSE WEALTH OF KING MARUTTA. YOU MUST GO AND FETCH IT.

"YUDHISHTHIRA FELT PUZZLED.

BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. HOW DID MARUTTA ACCUMULATE SO MUCH WEALTH? HOW CAN WE GET IT NOW?

I WILL TELL YOU THE STORY.

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"ONCE UPON A TIME, WHEN KING MARUTTA OF THE IKSHVAKU DYNASTY, PLANNED TO UNDERTAKE A YAJNA, HE REQUESTED BRIHASPATI TO BE HIS PRIEST.

I HAVE MADE ALL PREPARATIONS. DO ME THE HONOUR OF PRESIDING OVER THE SACRIFICE.

I AM NOW THE PRIEST OF LORD INDRA. HOW CAN I BE THE GURU OF MERE MORTALS? GO AND FIND SOMEONE ELSE.

"KING MARUTTA WAS ADVISED TO FIND BRIHASPATI'S BROTHER SAMVARTA, WHO, TIRED OF BRIHASPATI'S ENVY AND THE HARASSMENT CAUSED BY HIM, HAD RETIRED TO THE FOREST.

YOUR BROTHER BRIHASPATI HAS REFUSED TO PERFORM THE YAJNA FOR ME. WILL YOU KINDLY COME TO MY HELP AND PERFORM IT FOR ME?

"WHEN KING MARUTTA MADE THE REQUEST REPEATEDLY, SAMVARTA AGREED.

I WILL TELL YOU A WAY TO OBTAIN INEXHAUSTIBLE WEALTH TO PERFORM THE YAJNA. AT THE SAME TIME, I WILL TEACH INDRA AND MY BROTHER, BRIHASPATI, A LESSON.

GO AND PRAY TO LORD SHIVA IN THE MANNER I WILL TELL YOU NOW.

I WILL DO SO AT ONCE.

"KING MARUTTA OFFERED PRAYERS TO LORD SHIVA AND OBTAINED FROM THE GOD IMMENSE WEALTH AS A BOON.

"KING MARUTTA THEN PREPARED FOR THE SACRIFICE. CRAFTSMEN WERE APPOINTED TO MAKE GOLD VESSELS AND POTS FOR THE CEREMONY, AND A SACRIFICIAL HALL WAS BUILT IN THE HIMALAYAS.

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"WHEN BRIHASPATI CAME TO KNOW OF THE WEALTH ACQUIRED BY KING MARUTTA, HE BECAME THIN AND WAN WITH ENVY. INDRA ASKED HIM —

WHAT TROUBLES YOU? ARE YOU NOT LOOKED AFTER WELL BY YOUR ATTENDANTS?

I HAVE HEARD THAT MY BROTHER, SAMVARTA, IS GOING TO CONDUCT KING MARUTTA'S YAJNA. IT IS SOMETHING I CANNOT TOLERATE.

"INDRA WAS SURPRISED.

BUT YOU ARE THE PRIEST OF THE DEVAS THEMSELVES. WHAT CAN SAMVARTA DO TO YOU?

AH! WHO CAN BEAR TO SEE AN ENEMY PROSPER. PLEASE HAVE KING MARUTTA AND SAMVARTA CAPTURED.

"INDRA THEN SENT MESSENGERS TO KING MARUTTA, OFFERING THE SERVICES OF BRIHASPATI AS THE PRESIDING PRIEST. BUT THE KING WOULD NOT CHANGE HIS MIND.

SAMVARTA ALONE SHALL BE MY PRIEST.

"ENRAGED, INDRA DECIDED TO USE HIS CELESTIAL WEAPON ON MARUTTA. THE KING BEGGED SAMVARTA TO PROTECT HIM.

FEAR NOT, O KING. NO ONE CAN HARM YOU WHILE YOU ARE IN MY PROTECTION. TELL ME YOUR HEART'S DESIRE AND I WILL HAVE IT FULFILLED.

"KING MARUTTA SAID —

MAY LORD INDRA AND OTHER DEVAS ATTEND THIS YAJNA OF MINE.

SO BE IT.

"WITH HIS POWER OF PENANCE, SAMVARTA WAS INDEED ABLE TO INVOKE INDRA AT THE SACRIFICE. PACIFIED BY SAMVARTA, THE LORD OF THE DEVAS PARTICIPATED IN THE RITES AND BLESSED THE KING.

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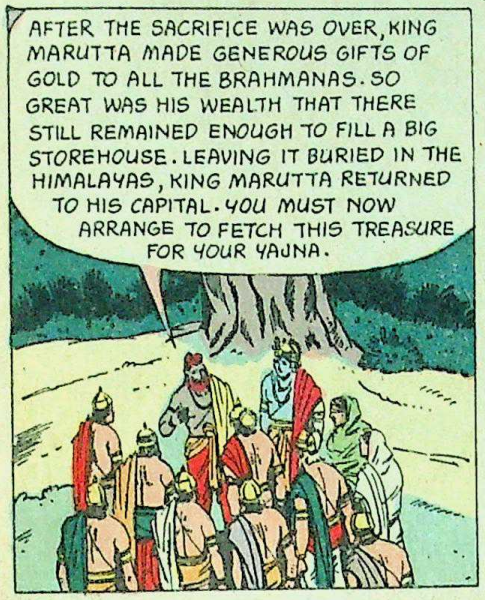
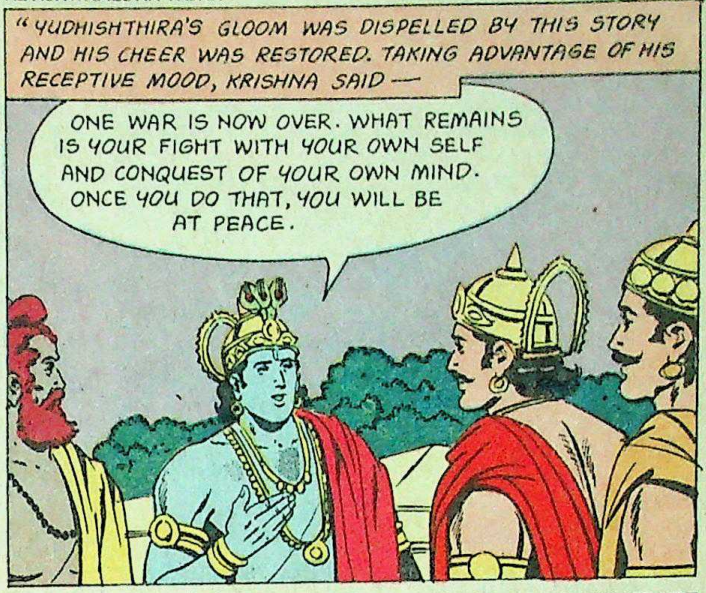
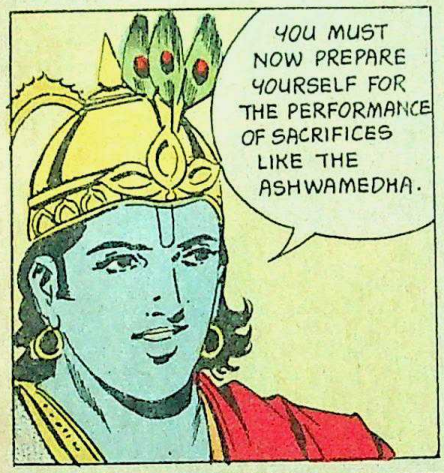
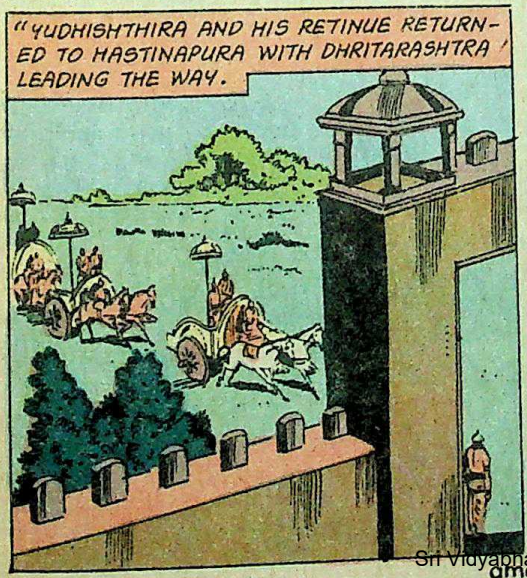
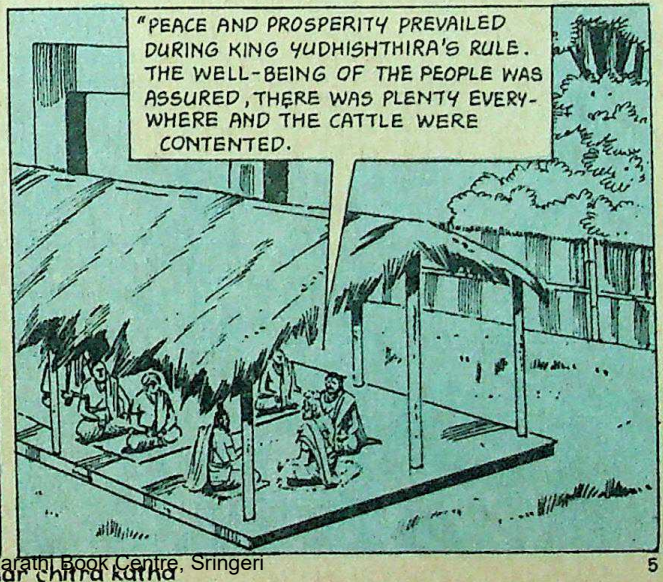

AFTER THE SACRIFICE WAS OVER, KING MARUTTA MADE GENEROUS GIFTS OF GOLD TO ALL THE BRAHMANAS. SO GREAT WAS HIS WEALTH THAT THERE STILL REMAINED ENOUGH TO FILL A BIG STOREHOUSE. LEAVING IT BURIED IN THE HIMALAYAS, KING MARUTTA RETURNED TO HIS CAPITAL. YOU MUST NOW ARRANGE TO FETCH THIS TREASURE FOR YOUR YAJNA.


"YUDHISHTHIRA'S GLOOM WAS DISPELLED BY THIS STORY AND HIS CHEER WAS RESTORED. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS RECEPTIVE MOOD, KRISHNA SAID —
ONE WAR IS NOW OVER. WHAT REMAINS IS YOUR FIGHT WITH YOUR OWN SELF AND CONQUEST OF YOUR OWN MIND. ONCE YOU DO THAT, YOU WILL BE AT PEACE.






"PEACE AND PROSPERITY PREVAILED DURING KING YUDHISHTHIRA'S RULE. THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE WAS ASSURED, THERE WAS PLENTY EVERYWHERE AND THE CATTLE WERE CONTENTED.

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"ARJUNA AND KRISHNA REVELLED IN THE PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS. TOGETHER THEY ROAMED THROUGH GARDEN AND GLADE, MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS, REGALING EACH OTHER WITH TALES OF OLD. AFTER SPENDING MANY HAPPY DAYS IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY, KRISHNA SAID —

HOW HAPPY AND TRANQUIL THESE PAST FEW DAYS WERE. BUT NOW I MUST TAKE YOUR LEAVE.

I MUST NOW RETURN TO DWARAKA. I HAVE NOT SEEN MY FATHER VASUDEVA FOR LONG. MY WORK HERE IS DONE. ALLOW ME TO GO, DEAR ARJUNA.

WILL YOU ALSO REQUEST YUDHISHTHIRA TO PERMIT ME TO LEAVE? I DARE NOT DO SO LEST I HURT HIS FEELINGS.

"WITH A HEAVY HEART, ARJUNA SAID —

AS YOU WISH, O KRISHNA. I WILL PERSUADE YUDHISHTHIRA TO ALLOW YOU TO GO.

"THE TWO FRIENDS THEN RETURNED TO HASTINAPURA AND TO THE PRESENCE OF DHRITARASHTRA.

"NEXT MORNING THEY WENT TO YUDHISHTHIRA'S PALACE.

I FEEL YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SPEAK TO ME.

O KING, KRISHNA HAS BEEN WITH US FOR SO MANY DAYS. HE NOW LONGS TO SEE HIS FATHER. ALLOW HIM TO GO TO DWARAKA.

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"YUDHISHTHIRA SAID —

INDEED HE MUST GO AND SEE HIS FATHER. YOU MAY LEAVE FOR DWARAKA TODAY, KRISHNA, IF YOU WISH. BUT DO NOT FORGET US WHEN YOU ARE THERE. YOU MUST ALSO RETURN HERE FOR THE ASHWAMEDHA YAJNA.

"AFTER BIDDING KUNTI, VIDURA AND OTHERS FAREWELL KRISHNA AND SUBHADRA LEFT HASTINAPURA.

"MEANWHILE ABHIMANYU'S YOUNG WIFE WAS STILL GRIEVING OVER HER HUSBAND'S DEATH. DIVINING HER STATE OF MIND, SAGE VYASA PAID HER A VISIT TO CONSOLE HER.

DO NOT GRIEVE SO. YOUR SON IS DESTINED TO BE A GREAT AND BRILLIANT KING.

"GOING TO YUDHISHTHIRA, SAGE VYASA SAID —

YOU MAY NOW PREPARE FOR THE ASHWAMEDHA YAJNA.

"RECALLING HIS EARLIER ADVICE, YUDHISHTHIRA PLANNED TO GO TO THE HIMALAYAS, CALLING HIS BROTHERS TOGETHER, HE SAID —

YOU TOO HAVE HEARD THE WISE COUNSEL GIVEN BY LORD KRISHNA AND SAGE VYASA.

OUR RESOURCES ARE DEPLETED. WE MUST GO AND FIND THE WEALTH LEFT BY KING MARUTTA, ABOUT WHICH SAGE VYASA TOLD US. WHAT DO YOU SAY, BHEEMA?

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"BHEEMA REPLIED —

I AM HAPPY TO HEAR THIS. WITH SHIVA'S BLESSINGS, WE WILL FIND THE TREASURE OF KING MARUTTA.

"WHEN ARJUNA, NAKULA AND SAHADEVA TOO SUPPORTED YUDHISHTHIRA'S DECISION, HE SAID —

LET PREPARATIONS BE MADE FOR US TO LEAVE FOR OUR JOURNEY ON AN AUSPICIOUS DAY.

"LEAVING YUYUTSU TO LOOK AFTER DHRITARASHTRA, GANDHARI AND KUNTI, THE PANDAVAS STARTED ON THEIR JOURNEY TO THE HIMALAYAS.

"CROSSING NUMEROUS RIVERS AND LAKES, FORESTS AND VALLEYS, THE PANDAVAS FINALLY REACHED THEIR DESTINATION.

"THEY SET UP CAMP IN A SUITABLE SPOT. YUDHISHTHIRA ASKED THE ROYAL PRIESTS —

WHICH DAY IS SUITABLE TO BEGIN OUR WORK?

TODAY IS A GOOD DAY TO BEGIN ANY IMPORTANT WORK. WE MUST ALL FAST TONIGHT IN PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW'S TASK.

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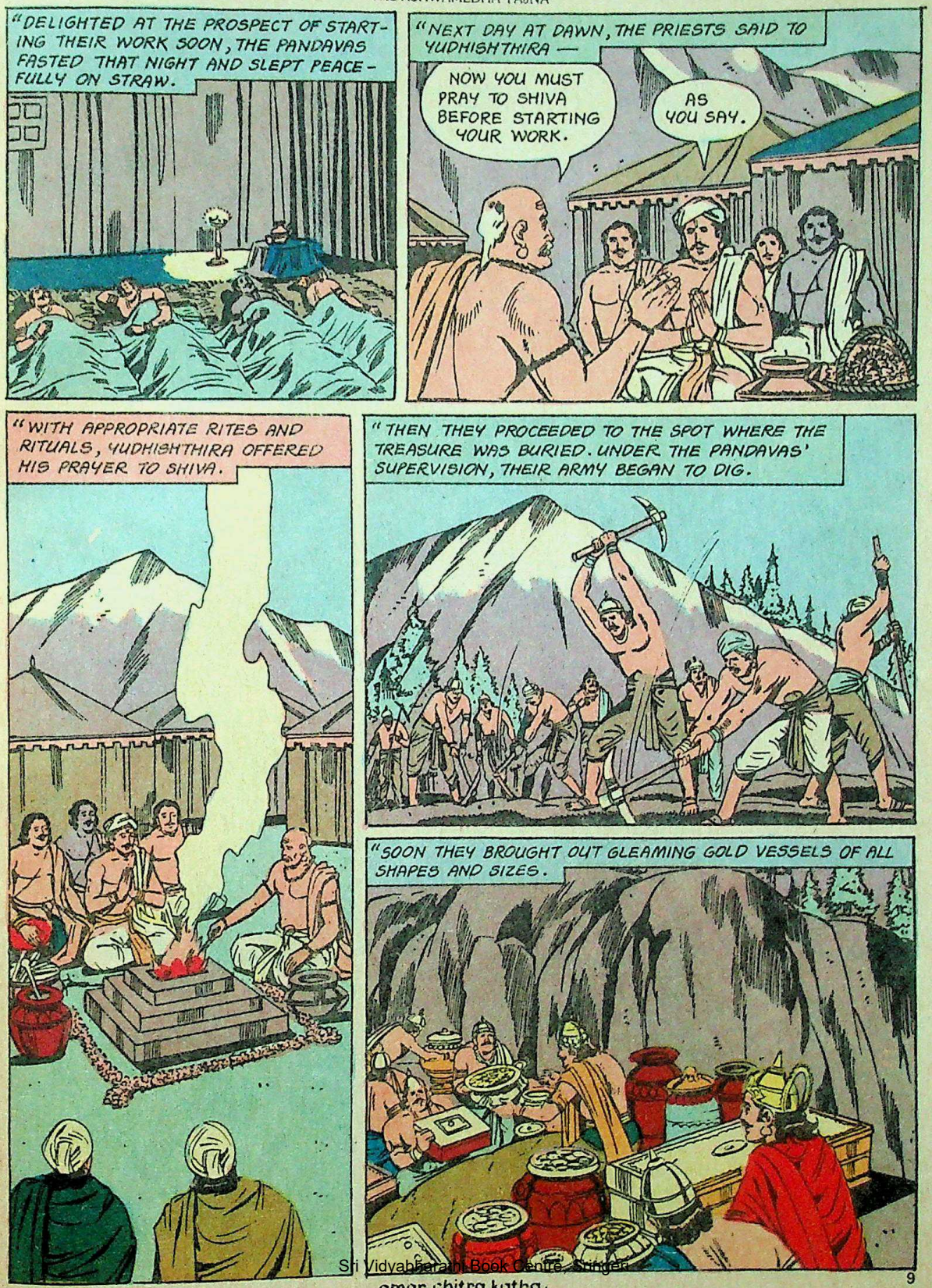
"DELIGHTED AT THE PROSPECT OF STARTING THEIR WORK SOON, THE PANDAVAS FASTED THAT NIGHT AND SLEPT PEACEFULLY ON STRAW.
"NEXT DAY AT DAWN, THE PRIESTS SAID TO YUDHISHTHIRA —
NOW YOU MUST PRAY TO SHIVA BEFORE STARTING YOUR WORK.
AS YOU SAY.
"WITH APPROPRIATE RITES AND RITUALS, YUDHISHTHIRA OFFERED HIS PRAYER TO SHIVA.
"THEN THEY PROCEEDED TO THE SPOT WHERE THE TREASURE WAS BURIED. UNDER THE PANDAVAS' SUPERVISION, THEIR ARMY BEGAN TO DIG.
"SOON THEY BROUGHT OUT GLEAMING GOLD VESSELS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES.

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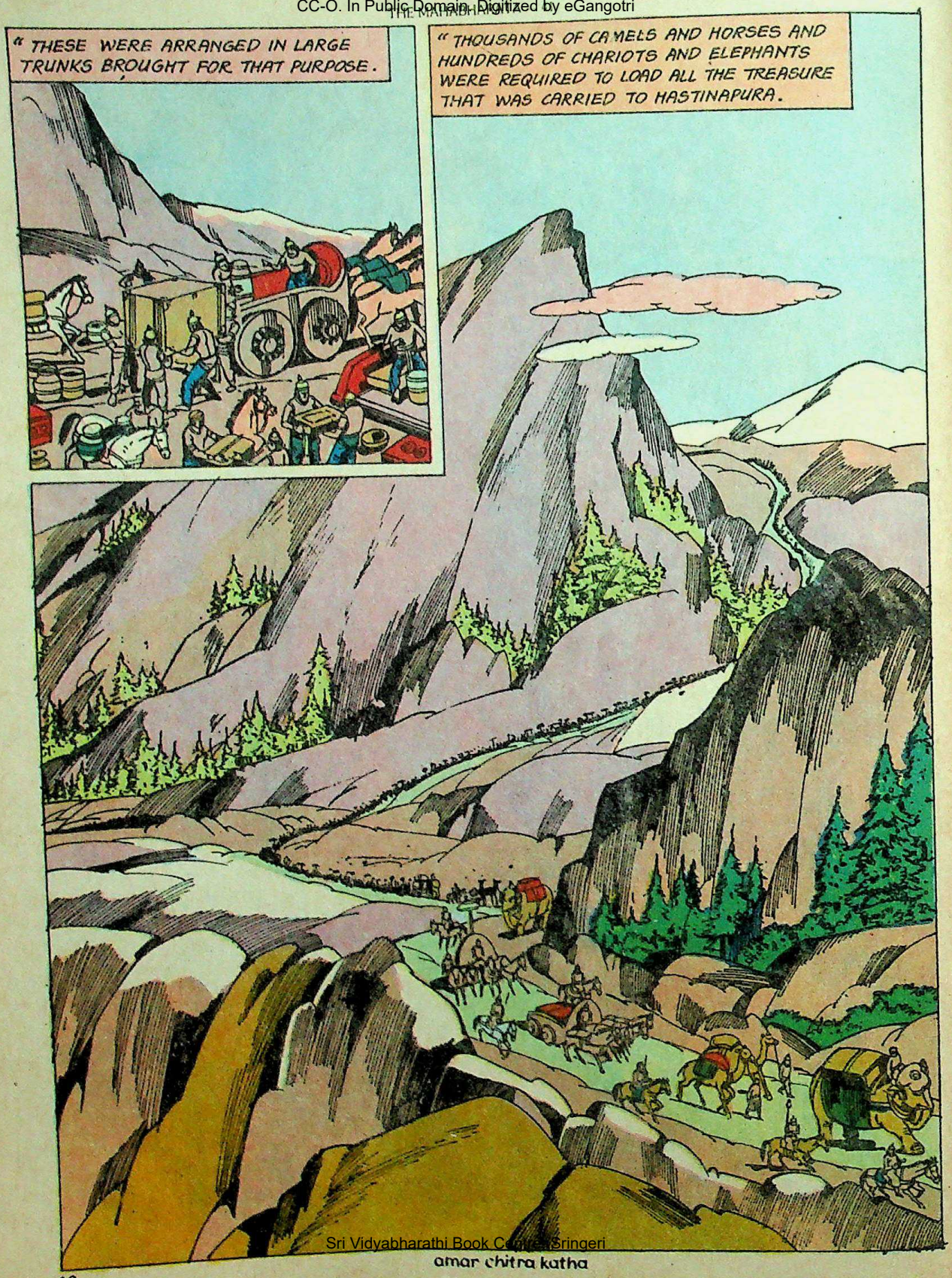
" THESE WERE ARRANGED IN LARGE TRUNKS BROUGHT FOR THAT PURPOSE.
" THOUSANDS OF CAMELS AND HORSES AND HUNDREDS OF CHARIOTS AND ELEPHANTS WERE REQUIRED TO LOAD ALL THE TREASURE THAT WAS CARRIED TO HASTINAPURA.

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"MEANWHILE, LORD KRISHNA AND HIS KINSMEN HAD ARRIVED AT HASTINAPURA FOR THE ASHWAMEDHA YAJNA.

"DHRITARASHTRA AND VIDURA MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO WELCOME THEM.

"DURING THEIR STAY THERE, ABHIMANYU'S WIFE UTTARA GAVE BIRTH TO A SON. WHEN THE SHOUTS OF JOY FROM THE PALACE SUDDENLY TURNED TO A DISQUIETING SILENCE, KRISHNA RUSHED TO THE INNER CHAMBERS.

"HE SAW KUNTI RUSHING OUT.

O KRISHNA, YOU ARE OUR ONLY HOPE NOW. UTTARA'S SON IS STILL-BORN. BRING HIM ALIVE. REMEMBER YOUR VOW TO REVIVE HIM.*

"WHEN KRISHNA REACHED THE INNER CHAMBERS, HE SAW SUBHADRA, DRAUPADI AND OTHER WOMEN IN TEARS.

"DRAUPADI RUSHED TO UTTARA AND SAID —

HERE HE COMES, LORD KRISHNA HIMSELF.

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"HER VOICE CHOKING WITH TEARS, UTTARA SAID TO KRISHNA —

I BESEECH YOU, O LORD, REVIVE MY SON. IT SEEMS THAT THE BRAHMASTRA+ OF ASHWATTHAMA HAS HAD ITS EVIL EFFECT.

TAKING SOME WATER IN HIS CUPPED HAND, KRISHNA DECLARED —

UTTARA, MY DEAR, MY WORDS CAN NEVER GO WRONG. I WILL FULFIL MY VOW AND SAVE THE CHILD.

"NULLIFYING THE EVIL INFLUENCE OF THE BRAHMASTRA, HE SAID —

IF I HAVE ALWAYS ADHERED TO TRUTH AND DUTY, MAY THIS CHILD COME ALIVE.

"NO SOONER HAD KRISHNA MADE THIS DECLARATION, THAN THE NEW-BORN INFANT BEGAN TO STIR WITH LIFE.

"JOY AND HAPPINESS PERCOLATED THROUGHOUT THE PALACE.

HAIL KRISHNA, OUR SAVIOUR.

PRAISES BE SHOWERED ON THE LORD.

"JOYFULLY, WITH HER SON CRADLED IN HER ARMS, UTTARA BOWED TO KRISHNA WHO SAID —

HE IS BORN AFTER THE KURU RACE HAS BEEN DESTROYED. LET HIM BE CALLED PAREEKSHIT.*

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"VAISHAMPAYANA PAUSED AWHILE AS HE NARRATED THE STORY TO JANAMEJAYA.

IT WAS THUS THAT YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS FATHER ACQUIRED HIS NAME. WHEN HE WAS A MONTH OLD, THE PANDAVAS RETURNED TO HASTINAPURA WITH THE WEALTH FROM THE HIMALAYAS.

"KRISHNA RUSHED TO GREET THE PANDAVAS AT THE CITY GATES. THE STREETS WERE GAILY DECORATED WITH FLOWERS AND FESTOONS TO WELCOME THE APPROACHING PANDAVAS WHO WERE BRINGING THE ENORMOUS TREASURE WITH THEM.

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"JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL, THE SAGE VYASA VISITED HASTINAPURA. YUDHISHTHIRA SAID —

WITH YOUR COUNSEL AND BLESSINGS, WE HAVE ACQUIRED THE TREASURE OF MARUTTA. I WOULD LIKE TO USE IT FOR THE ASHWAMEDHA YAJNA, IF YOU SO PERMIT.

"SAGE VYASA SAID —

I GRANT YOU PERMISSION TO CONDUCT THE YAJNA. IT WILL ABSOLVE YOU OF ALL YOUR SINS.

"YUDHISHTHIRA THEN APPROACHED KRISHNA.

LORD, I HAVE A REQUEST TO MAKE. IT IS DUE TO YOUR PROWESS THAT WE HAVE WON THIS KINGDOM. IT IS BUT RIGHT THAT YOU SHOULD PERFORM THE YAJNA ON OUR BEHALF.

"KRISHNA SAID —

O YUDHISHTHIRA, IT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU TO BE SO GENEROUS. BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU ARE THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THIS HONOUR. ASSIGN ME ANY TASK AND I PROMISE TO DO IT.

"SAGE VYASA SELECTED AN APPROPRIATE DAY FOR THE YAJNA. HECTIC PREPARATIONS WERE BEGUN.

CHOOSE A SUITABLE HORSE TO BE DESPATCHED TO ALL PARTS OF THE LAND. MAKE ALL OTHER PREPARATIONS AND SEE ME AFTER DOING SO.

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"JUST THEN THE SACRIFICIAL HORSE GALLOPED INTO SIGHT FOLLOWED BY THE WEARY BUT VICTORIOUS ARJUNA.

"PEOPLE SHOWERED PRAISES ON HIM AS HE PROCEEDED TOWARDS THE YAJNA-ALTAR.

WHO BUT ARJUNA COULD RETURN VICTORIOUS LIKE THIS ?

WE ARE FORTUNATE INDEED THAT HE HAS RETURNED SAFE.

"DHRITARASHTRA AND YUDHISHTHIRA HASTENED TO WELCOME HIM.

"WITH DUE CEREMONY, THE HORSE WAS SACRIFICED.

"YUDHISHTHIRA THEN OFFERED THE WHOLE EARTH AS A GIFT TO VYASA, WHO SAID—

I RETURN THIS GIFT TO YOU. WE BRAHMANAS PREFER A GIFT OF MONEY, NOT LAND.

"YUDHISHTHIRA WAS INSISTENT—

I CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING FROM BRAHMANAS. MY BROTHERS TOO WILL AGREE.

WE DO.

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"THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ASHWAMEDHA REQUIRED THE GIFTING AWAY OF ALL THE LAND ACQUIRED DURING THE CONQUEST. BUT SELDOM WAS THIS ACTUALLY DONE. INSTEAD, GENEROUS GIFTS OF GOLD WERE MADE TO THE BRAHMANAS. SO VYASA PERSUADED YUDHISHTHIRA —

IT IS JUST LIKE YOU TO BE SO GENEROUS. BUT GIVE GOLD TO THE BRAHMANAS AND LET THE KINGDOM REMAIN IN YOUR HANDS.

"KRISHNA SAID TO YUDHISHTHIRA —

DO AS THE SAGE SAYS, O KING.

"KING YUDHISHTHIRA GIFTED TO THE ATTENDENT BRAHMANAS MILLIONS OF GOLD COINS AS WELL AS ALL THE GOLD VESSELS USED FOR THE CEREMONY.

LATER, AS YUDHISHTHIRA WAS BIDDING FAREWELL TO KRISHNA AND OTHER KINGS, A STRANGE THING OCCURRED. THERE APPEARED A BLUE-EYED MONGOOSE, HALF OF WHOSE BODY WAS SHINING GOLD. ADDRESSING THE GATHERING IN A HUMAN VOICE, HE SAID, "YOUR SACRIFICE IS NOT HALF AS MERITORIOUS AS THAT OF THE GENEROUS BRAHMANA OF KURUKSHETRA". THIS STRANGE CLAIM BY THE CREATURE, CAUSED BEWILDERMENT AMONG ALL THOSE PRESENT.

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"THE PRIESTS SURROUNDED THE MONGOOSE AND ASKED HIM —

WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM? WHO ARE YOU TO FIND FAULT WITH OUR SACRIFICE? WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE SHASTRAS. WHAT MAKES YOU SCORN US?

"THE MONGOOSE LAUGHED AND SAID —

I DO NOT SPEAK OUT OF FALSEHOOD OR PRIDE, O BRAHMANAS. I REPEAT, YOUR SACRIFICE IS NOT EQUAL TO THE SEER OF PORRIDGE GIFTED BY THE POOR BRAHMANA OF KURUKSHETRA.

I WITNESSED THIS NOBLE ACT MYSELF AND, AS A RESULT OF HIS MERIT, HALF MY BODY HAS BECOME GOLD. LISTEN TO ME, O BRAHMANAS, WHILE I NARRATE THAT INCIDENT TO YOU.

LONG AGO, IN KURUKSHETRA, THERE LIVED A BRAHMANA WHO OBTAINED FOOD BY GLEANING GRAIN FROM NEARBY FIELDS. HIS FAMILY, CONSISTING OF HIS WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ATE ONLY ONCE IN THREE DAYS...

...AND SOMETIMES EVEN LESS FREQUENTLY. ONCE THERE WAS A TERRIBLE DROUGHT. THE LAND WAS PARCHED, THE FIELDS LAY BARE. THE FAMILY STARVED FOR DAYS ON END.

ONE DAY, AFTER WANDERING ABOUT FOR HOURS IN THE HEAT AND DUST, THEY MANAGED TO COLLECT A SEER OF GRAIN.

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"THEY MADE PORRIDGE OUT OF IT AND DIVIDED IT INTO FOUR EQUAL PORTIONS. JUST THEN A GUEST ARRIVED.

"THEY WELCOMED THE UNEXPECTED GUEST AND INVITED HIM TO SHARE THEIR MEAL. THE BRAHMANA FIRST OFFERED HIS OWN SHARE. BUT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE NEWCOMER.

"THE BRAHMANA FELT HELPLESS AND DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. HIS WIFE CALLED HIM ASIDE.

PLEASE GIVE HIM MY SHARE TOO. IF YOU CAN GO HUNGRY, WHY, SO CAN I.

I DON'T LIKE TO DO SO, BUT IF YOU INSIST...

"RELUCTANTLY, THE HOST GAVE HIS WIFE'S PORTION TO THE GUEST WHO STILL DID NOT LOOK SATIATED. THE SON SAID —

FATHER, TAKE MY SHARE FOR OUR REVERED GUEST.

OH! I KNOW WHAT HUNGER IS TO A GROWING YOUNG BOY LIKE YOU, YET...

"SAYING SO, THE BRAHMANA OFFERED THE THIRD PORTION TO THE GUEST. BUT STILL HIS HUNGER SEEMED UNAPPEASED. THE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SAID SOFTLY —

DEAR FATHER, PLEASE ACCEPT MY SHARE TOO.

FROM YOU I CANNOT. YOU ARE YET A CHILD. MOREOVER YOU ARE HUNGRY, AND FRAIL BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUOUS STARVATION.

"BUT SHE PERSUADED HIM TO OFFER THE LAST PORTION TOO TO THE GUEST. SATISFIED AT LAST, HE SAID —

YOUR GENEROSITY IS ADMIRABLE. EVEN THE DEVAS IN HEAVEN ARE PLEASED WITH YOU. BEHOLD HOW THEY SHOWER YOU WITH FLOWERS! YOU HAVE EARNED A PLACE IN HEAVEN WITH YOUR PURE AND SELFLESS ACTION.

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YOUR SACRIFICE IS EQUIVALENT TO SEVERAL RAJASOOYA AND ASHWAMEDHA YAJNAS. THE CHARIOT TO TAKE YOU ALL TO HEAVEN IS WAITING FOR YOU AT YOUR DOOR.
JUST THEN I CAME OUT FROM MY HIDING PLACE. JUST BY THE SMELL OF THAT SANCTIFIED PORRIDGE AND THE TOUCH OF A FEW DROPS THAT HAD FALLEN ON THE GROUND, HALF MY BODY BECAME GOLD. SINCE THEN I VISIT EACH AND EVERY SACRIFICIAL HALL, IN THE HOPE OF TURNING THE OTHER HALF OF MY BODY TO GOLD.
BUT, ALAS, HERE TOO I AM DISAPPOINTED. YOUR YAJNA IS NOT EQUIVALENT TO A TINY PARTICLE OF THAT PORRIDGE.
AFTER NARRATING THIS TALE, THE MONGOOSE DISAPPEARED AS INEXPLICABLY AS HE HAD APPEARED. THE INCIDENT SHOULD NOT SURPRISE YOU, O KING. RIGHTEOUS CONDUCT, CONTENTMENT, SELF-CONTROL, GENEROSITY, TRUTHFULNESS AND AUSTERITIES — EACH OF THESE VIRTUES IS, INDEED, EQUIVALENT TO PERFORMING AN ELABORATE YAJNA.

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"AFTER THE ASHWAMEDHA YAJNA WAS OVER, YUDHISHTHIRA RETURNED TO HIS ROYAL DUTIES.

"BUT EVEN AFTER HE WAS FORMALLY CROWNED HE SOUGHT DHRITARASHTRA'S ADVICE ON EVERY IMPORTANT MATTER.

"KRIPACHARYA AND VIDURA WERE DHRITARASHTRA'S CONSTANT COMPANIONS. SAGE VYASA TOO VISITED HIM REGULARLY AND REGALED HIM WITH STORIES.

"ONE DAY, YUDHISHTHIRA SAID TO HIS BROTHERS —

WE MUST DO OUR BEST TO MAKE HIM FORGET THE LOSS OF HIS SONS. LET NO EFFORT BE SPARED TO MAKE DHRITARASHTRA AND GANDHARI COMFORTABLE AND CONTENTED.

"ARJUNA, NAKULA AND SAHADEVA READILY COMPLIED. BUT NOT BHEEMA.

WHATEVER HAPPENED WAS THE RESULT OF DHRITARASHTRA'S EVIL MIND. I CAN NEVER FORGIVE HIM. NEVER!

"ALTHOUGH IN DEFERENCE TO YUDHISHTHIRA'S WISHES, HE WAS OUTWARDLY POLITE TO THE OLD COUPLE, HIS HEART WAS FILLED WITH BITTERNESS. ONE DAY, WHEN THEY WERE WITHIN HEARING, HE BOASTED TO HIS FRIENDS.

SEE THESE STRONG ARMS OF MINE.

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"DISPLAYING HIS STRONG BICEPS, HE SAID —

WITH THESE VERY ARMS I CRUSHED TO DEATH ALL THE SONS OF THAT BLIND KING, DHRITARASHTRA.

"BHEEMA WENT ON TO GIVE A VIVID DESCRIPTION OF HOW HE HAD KILLED THE KAURAVAS, KNOWING VERY WELL HOW MUCH PAIN IT WOULD CAUSE TO THE OLD KING.

"FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, DHRITARASHTRA AND GANDHARI HAD LIVED AMICABLY WITH THE PANDAVAS, BUT BHEEMA'S CRUEL WORDS OPENED UP OLD WOUNDS. DHRITARASHTRA CALLED HIS FRIENDS TOGETHER.

YOU ALL KNOW WELL ENOUGH HOW THE KAURAVA CLAN WAS DESTROYED BECAUSE I IGNORED THE ADVICE OF MY WELL-WISHERS.

NOW, AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS, I HAVE BEGUN TO REALISE THE MANY SINS I COMMITTED. TO ABSOLVE MYSELF, I HAVE DECIDED TO FAST AND DO PENANCE.

"THEN ONE DAY, DHRITARASHTRA TOLD YUDHISHTHIRA —

GANDHARI AND I WOULD LIKE TO RETIRE TO THE FOREST AND SPEND THE REST OF OUR DAYS IN PRAYER AND PENANCE.

A KING IS LIKE A VENERABLE TEACHER FOR ALL HIS SUBJECTS. SO, WE REQUEST YOU TO GRANT US PERMISSION TO LEAVE.

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"YUDHISHTHIRA WAS VISIBLY UPSET.

OH! WHAT A FOOL I HAVE BEEN NOT TO REALISE HOW UNHAPPY YOU ARE. HERE YOU ARE STARVING YOURSELF AND LIVING LIKE AN ASCETIC AND WE DID NOT EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT.

"DHRITARASHTRA TRIED TO EXPLAIN.

IT IS PROPER FOR US IN OUR OLD AGE TO LIVE IN THE FOREST. ALL OUR FOREFATHERS FOLLOWED THIS PRACTICE.

OH! BUT I CANNOT LET YOU GO. IF YOU INSIST ON GOING I SWEAR I TOO WILL FOLLOW YOU.

"FOR LONG DHRITARASHTRA TRIED TO PERSUADE YUDHISHTHIRA, WHO IN TURN PLEADED WITH HIM TO STAY ON. DHRITARASHTRA SAID—

SANJAYA! KRIPA! WILL ONE OF YOU EXPLAIN TO YUDHISHTHIRA THAT I AM WEARY AND NOW MY MOUTH IS DRY. I CANNOT TALK ANY LONGER.

"WITH THESE WORDS, DHRITARASHTRA, ALMOST FAINT WITH FATIGUE, TURNED TO GANDHARI FOR SUPPORT.

"YUDHISHTHIRA COULD NOT BEAR TO SEE HIM IN SUCH A STATE. HE TENDERLY WIPED THE OLD KING'S FACE WITH HIS HAND AFTER FIRST DIPPING IT IN COLD WATER.

OH! YOU, WHO COULD ONCE CRUSH THE IRON IMAGE OF BHEEMA, ARE NOW SO WEAK. IT IS ALL MY FAULT.

"DHRITARASHTRA EXPLAINED—

IT IS FOUR DAYS SINCE I LAST ATE. THAT IS WHY I AM SO WEAK. BUT YOUR SOOTHING TOUCH HAS REFRESHED ME. YOU MUST NOW ALLOW ME TO LEAVE.

I WILL DO WHAT IS DEAR TO YOU. BUT I REFUSE TO DISCUSS ANYTHING TILL I SEE YOU FED PROPERLY.

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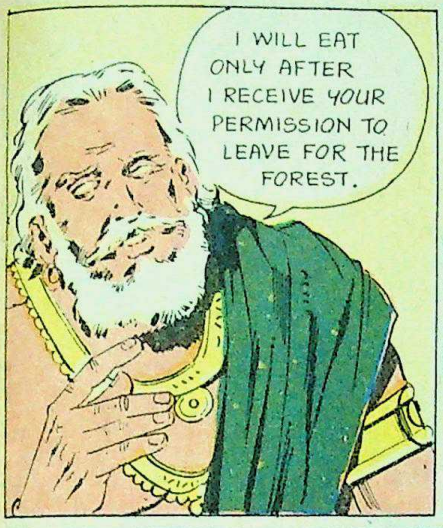
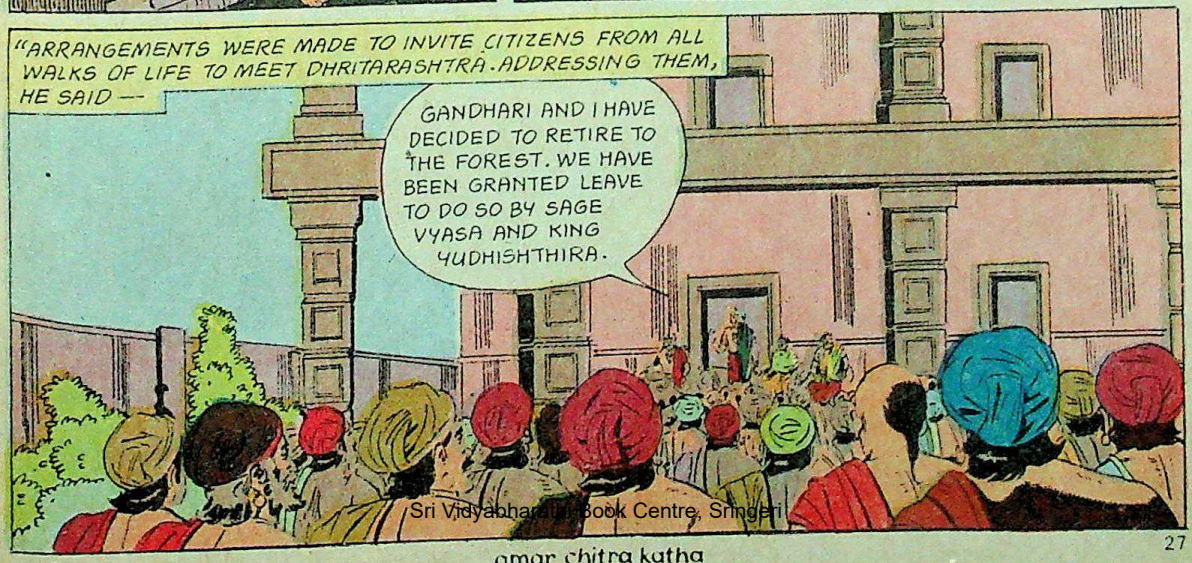


"AFTER ALL OF THEM HAD EATEN, DHRITARASHTRA AFFECTIONATELY GAVE YUDHISHTHIRA SOME PARTING ADVICE.
ALWAYS KEEP THE COMPANY OF WISE MEN AND TAKE THEIR OPINION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES.

"LATER GANDHARI ASKED DHRITARASHTRA —
NOW THAT SAGE VYASA HAS GIVEN YOU PERMISSION AND YUDHISHTHIRA TOO HAS AGREED, WHEN WILL WE LEAVE FOR THE FOREST?
SOON, VERY SOON. BUT BEFORE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE.


"ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO INVITE CITIZENS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO MEET DHRITARASHTRA. ADDRESSING THEM, HE SAID —
GANDHARI AND I HAVE DECIDED TO RETIRE TO THE FOREST. WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED LEAVE TO DO SO BY SAGE VYASA AND KING YUDHISHTHIRA.

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BUT I SEEK YOUR PERMISSION TOO. I HAVE BEEN HAPPY DURING YUDHISHTHIRA'S REIGN, HAPPIER THAN I WAS WHEN DURYODHANA WAS KING. BUT I AM BLIND, OLD AND BEREAVED OF ALL MY SONS. SO ALLOW ME TO RETIRE NOW TO THE FOREST.

"DHRITARASHTRA'S HUMILITY BROUGHT TEARS TO THE PEOPLE'S EYES. HE CONTINUED —

IF I HAVE DONE ANY-THING WRONG, FORGIVE ME. MY SONS WERE SELFISH AND CONCEITED. I BESEECH YOU FOR FORGIVENESS ON THEIR BEHALF TOO.

"THERE WAS A WHISPERED CONSULTATION AMONG THE CROWD AND FINALLY A BRAHMANA CALLED SAMBA STEPPED FORWARD.

I HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT ALL THESE PEOPLE, O KING. YOU HAVE BEHAVED LIKE AN ELDER BROTHER TOWARDS US. NOW, WITH SAGE VYASA'S PERMISSION, IF YOU WISH TO GO TO THE FOREST, YOU MUST INDEED DO SO. WE WILL MISS YOU AND REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS.

"THE NEXT DAY, VIDURA APPROACHED YUDHISHTHIRA WITH A MESSAGE FROM DHRITARASHTRA.

ON THE NEXT FULL MOON DAY, KING DHRITARASHTRA WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE. BUT BEFORE THAT, HE WISHES TO ASK YOU FOR SOME MONEY TO PERFORM THE SHRADDHA* OF BHEESHMA, DRONA AND OTHER WARRIORS.

"ARJUNA AND YUDHISHTHIRA HAILED THIS IDEA OF THE OLD KING. BUT BHEEMA MUTTERED IN ANGER.

WE SHOULD NOT AGREE TO THIS. DO NOT GIVE HIM ANYTHING.

"ARJUNA GENTLY TOOK BHEEMA ASIDE.

BROTHER DEAR, HE IS OUR UNCLE AFTER ALL. YOU SHOULD NOT REFUSE HIM HELP. JUST THINK HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED. TODAY DHRITARASHTRA HAS TO ASK US FOR HELP. ONCE WE WERE AT THEIR MERCY.

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"BHEEMA'S ANGER COULD NOT BE CONTAINED.

WE OURSELVES WILL PERFORM THE REQUIRED CEREMONIES. LEAVE THE OLD KING OUT OF IT.

"ONE BY ONE, BHEEMA BEGAN TO RECALL THE ACROCITIES HEAPED ON THEM BY THE KAURAVAS. YUDHISHTHIRA BECAME UNHAPPY.

KEEP QUIET, BHEEMA. THAT IS ENOUGH.

"THEN HE TURNED TO VIDURA AND SAID—

UNCLE, PLEASE TELL KING DHRITARASHTRA THAT HE CAN TAKE ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY AND MATERIALS FROM ME.

"VIDURA CONVEYED THIS NEWS TO DHRITARASHTRA WHO ARRANGED A TEN-DAY-LONG CEREMONY FOR THE SALVATION OF THE SOULS OF FALLEN WARRIORS.

"ON THE ELEVENTH DAY HE CALLED FOR THE PANDAVAS AND PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR THE FOREST.

"WHEN YUDHISHTHIRA SAW DHRITARASHTRA CLAD IN DEERSKIN, THE FINALITY OF THE DECISION STRUCK HIM.

OH! DO NOT LEAVE ME. DO NOT GO AWAY.

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"ARJUNA COULD UNDERSTAND YUDHISHTHIRA'S EMOTIONAL STATE.

COME, BROTHER DEAR, DON'T BE SO RESTLESS.

"WHEN GANDHARI AND DHRITARASHTRA EMERGED FROM THE PALACE, YUDHISHTHIRA WAS SURPRISED TO SEE KUNTI LEADING THE WAY.

MOTHER, YOU ENCOURAGED US TO FIGHT AND WIN THIS THRONE. HOW CAN YOU LEAVE US NOW?

SON, WHATEVER I DID SO FAR WAS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELFARE. BUT NOW I MUST RETIRE TO THE FOREST.

"AS KUNTI, GANDHARI AND DHRITARASHTRA SLOWLY WALKED AWAY FROM THE PALACE, THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY A WEEPING AND SOBBING CROWD OF PEOPLE.

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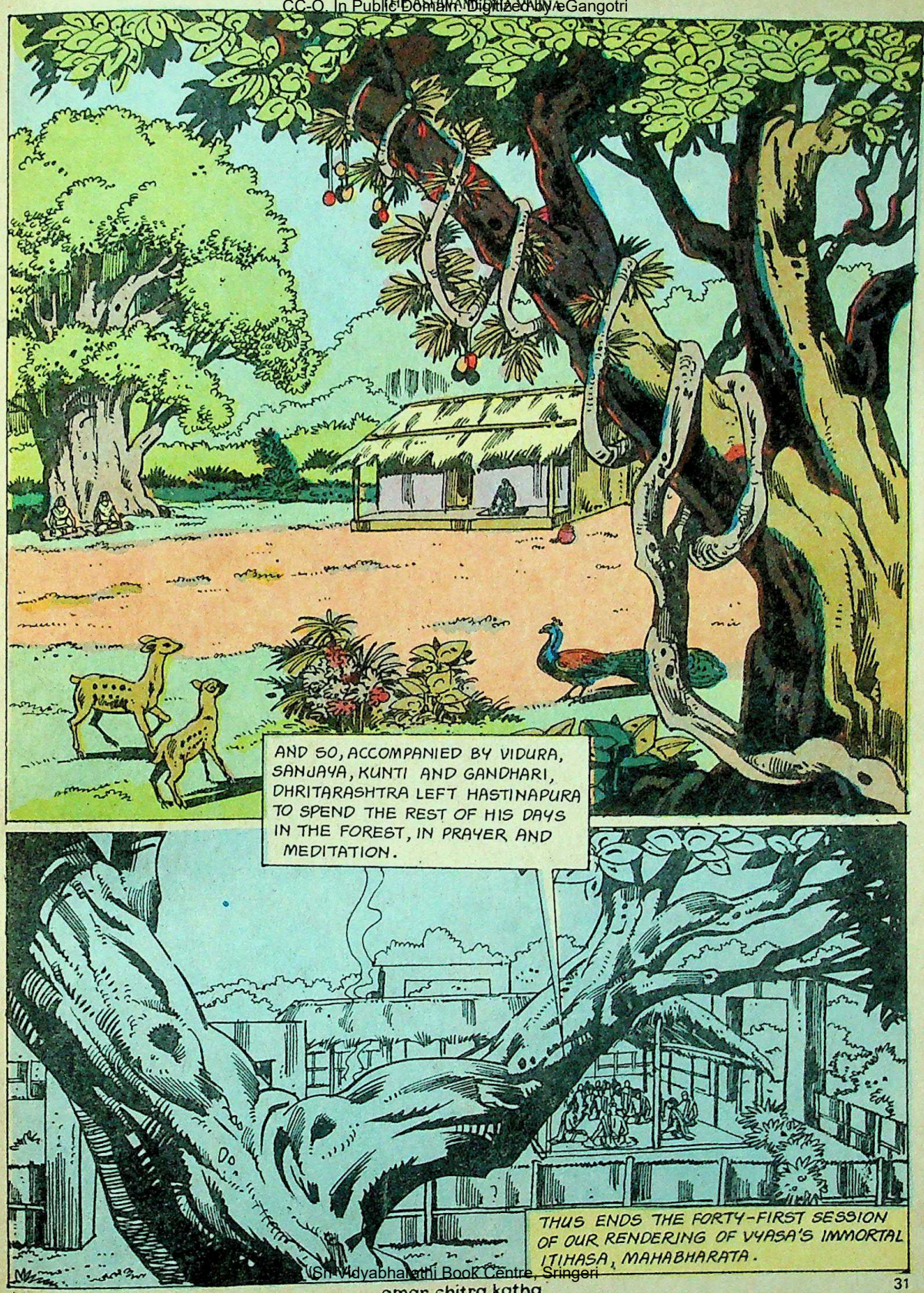
AND SO, ACCOMPANIED BY VIDURA, SANJAYA, KUNTI AND GANDHARI, DHRITARASHTRA LEFT HASTINAPURA TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS DAYS IN THE FOREST, IN PRAYER AND MEDITATION.
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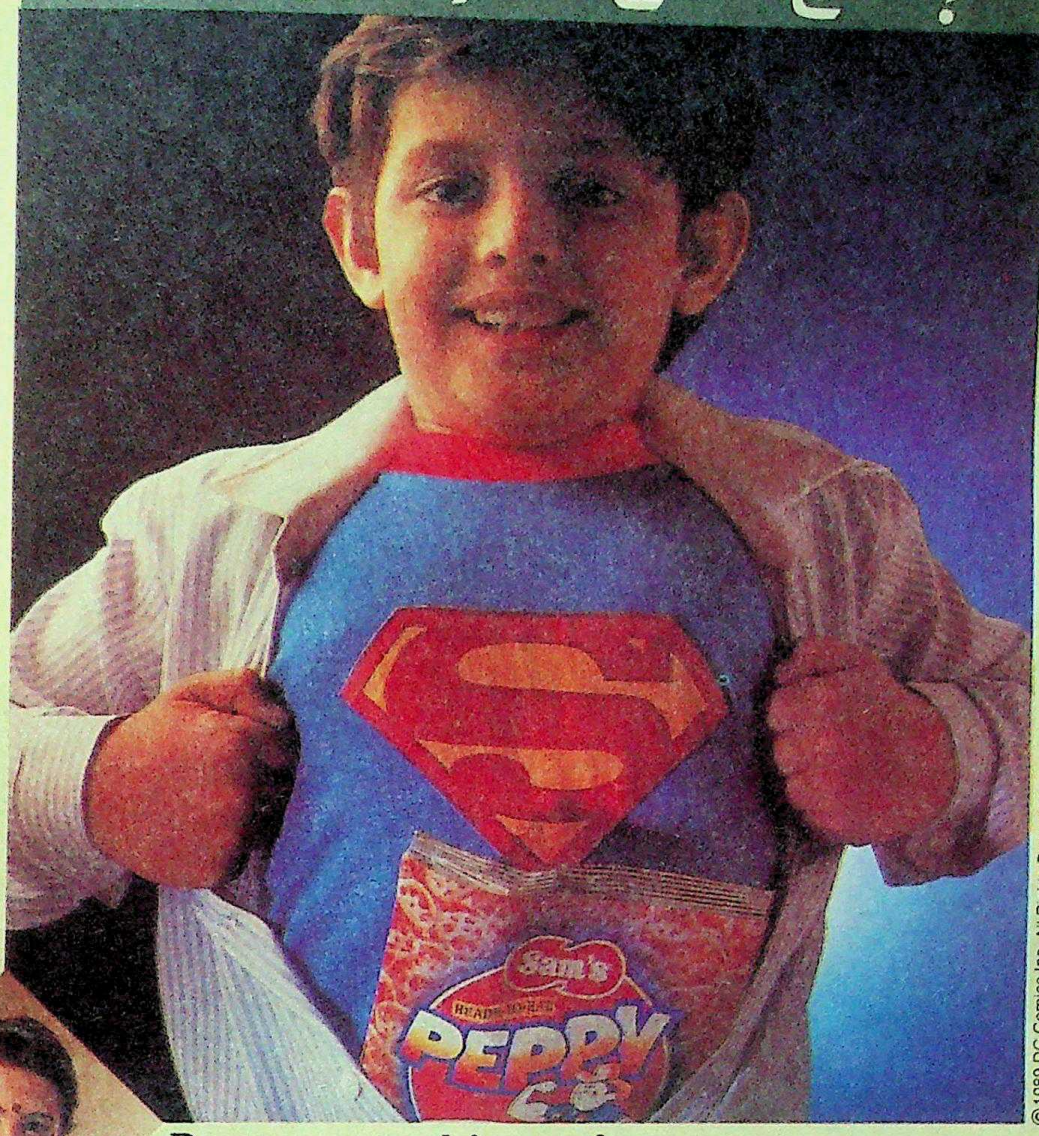

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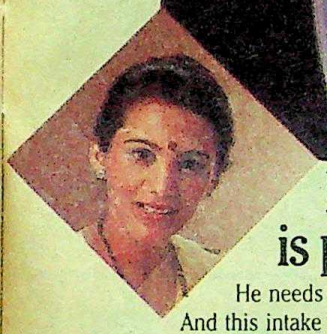

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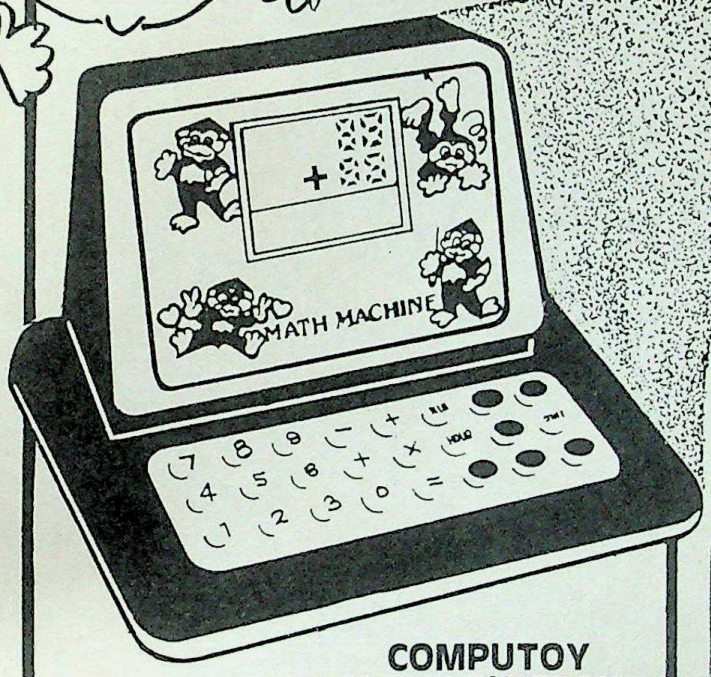

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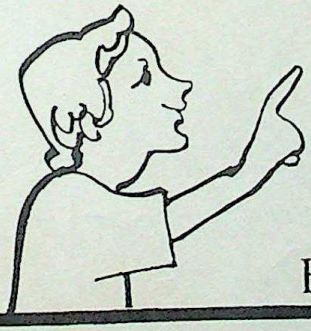

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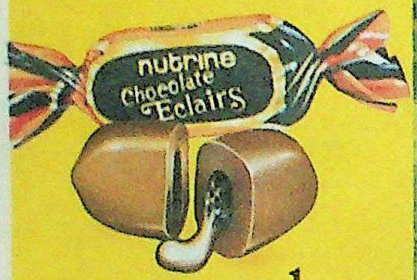

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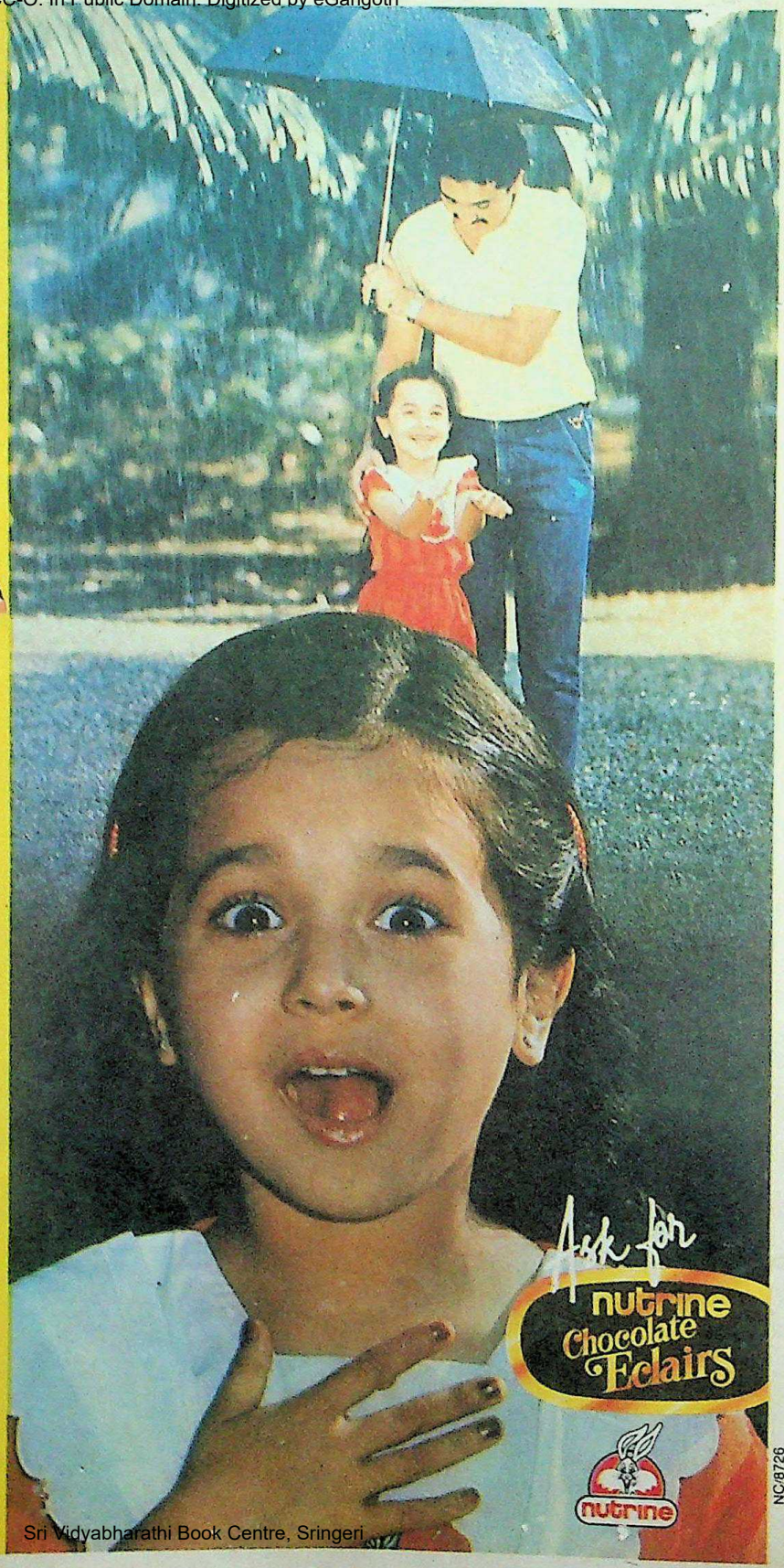

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